

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: DEFRENNE <i>et al.</i>	Docket No: 153278-BM45379 (306548)
Serial No.: 09/936,377	Confirmation No.: 4141
Filed: February 26, 2002	Group Art Unit: 1645
For: NOVEL COMPOUNDS	Examiner: Padmavathi BASKAR

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

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Sir:

Further to applicants' Notice of Appeal filed June 23, 2006, applicants petition concurrently herewith for a five (5) month extension of time, extending time to file a brief on appeal to and including January 23, 2007, and in lieu thereof file a request for continued examination (RCE) and provide below remarks responsive to the final office action mailed January 23, 2006.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.